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# PAIR PULL CHILDREN FROM FIRE

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think Gov. Brown and the Legislators should do about California narcotic laws . . ."

A. H. Buchanan, 914 Cerise, retired:

"I think they should establish laws making the selling and using of narcotics a major offense carrying a prison sentence. They seem to be making a lot of arrests but it doesn't seem to be stopping them. Maybe if they were faced with long sentences, a peddler would find some other work to do."

Mrs. Mildred Hasel, 1607 W. 226th St., housewife:

"As the mother of teen-agers I'm concerned with this problem of narcotics. I think the penalty should be made as strong as possible for peddlers, especially the older ones who are old enough to realize what they are doing. I really don't know how much of it is going on around here but you're always reading about it in the papers."

Frank Janeway, 117 Harbor Hills, machinist:

"I think they should be made much stronger. I think a first offender should be given a fine and six months to a year sentence; second offender 12 years, and a third or more offender should get life. For both users and pushers I do think that for the first offense they shouldn't be given too much for they easily could be a victim of ignorance and circumstance."

Merle Kittel, 24725 Pennsylvania St., Lomita, vocational nurse:

"I think they should definitely be made stronger with the sentence as strong as life for repeat offenders as I don't believe in the death penalty. Addiction is one of the worst things there is. They can rehabilitate an alcoholic but as yet they haven't had much success with dope addicts."

Lita Garcia, 1664 West 221st St., electronics assembler:

"I think the laws should be more strict on pushers and users, especially on the teenage ones. The repeat offenders should get stiff prison sentences. I think the general public, especially the high school kids, should be educated more, pointing out what it can do. I think most teen-agers start taking it just for kicks or curiosity and they don't really realize the harm in it."

By Supervisor

## Governor's Dope Stand Criticized

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today expressed deep disappointment at Governor Brown's refusal to call a special session of the State Legislature to deal with narcotics—which he declared is California's most serious problem.

### City Clerk Gives Voting Information

Absentee ballot applications for the municipal election may be made at any time between March 23 and April 7, both dates inclusive, City Clerk A.H. Bartlett reported yesterday.

"Any registered voter who expects to be absent from his precinct on election day, April 12, is urged to make application for an 'Absent Voter Ballot' giving residence address in Torrance, mailing address to which the ballot is to be sent, and stating the reason for the request," Bartlett said.

Each person seeking such a ballot must make the request over his own signature, he added.

A "war voter" may apply for an "Absent Voter Ballot" any time prior to March 23.

At stake in the April 12 election will be three seats on the City Council held by Nickolas Drale, Victor Benstead, and Robert Jahn. All are candidates for re-election, and will face a slate of 13 other candidates on the ballot.

"While I do not doubt the Governor's sincerity or his motives in refusing to issue the special call, I do disagree very strongly with his approach to the narcotics problem," Supervisor Hahn declared.

HE POINTED out that the seven point program outlined by the State's Chief Executive as an alternate to stronger, more effective legislation, calls for spending \$370,000 this year.

"On the other hand, a strong, effective and anti-narcotics program, with laws imposing stringent, mandatory prison sentences on convicted dope peddlers would save the people of California millions of dollars," he stated.

HE EXPLAINED that law enforcement officials have estimated that narcotics is responsible for 50 per cent of crime in the Los Angeles area and costs local taxpayers \$200,000 a day in crime and law enforcement.

"The largest item in the Los Angeles City budget is for operation of the Police Department. The cost of running the Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department and the Courts is a most substantial part of the County budget—and each of these departments spends a large part of its time

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SURVEYS DAMAGE . . . Wallace Franklin, owner of Sav-Mor T. V. Co., 2318 Torrance Blvd., points out back door lock that was smashed by burglars Tuesday night. Thieves hauled off five television sets and a camera valued at \$1150 and also took \$150 in cash. (Herald Photo)

## Thieves Loot TV Store For Second Time Here

Burglars picked the Sav-Mor TV Co. for their mark and sometime after 8 Tuesday night jimmied the back door of the television sales and service store, located at 2318 Torrance Blvd.

When Wallace Franklin, owner of the business, arrived at his store Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. he found Torrance police officers who had been called by a neighbor. The back door was open.

Franklin reported five television sets and a camera kit, valued at \$1150, missing and \$150 in cash taken from his register.

Franklin told police that he

had locked and bolted the rear door before he left the store Tuesday night. It was believed that the burglars used a heavy crowbar to smash the lock and force open the door.

Similar marks were also on the front door and the thieves evidently tried to make their entry through this door and when it jammed went to the rear of the store where they were able to enter the building.

The victim said he wonder-

ed if a crime wave aimed at TV stores was not on its way when thieves clean out the stock in a business house on a brightly lighted street and use a heavy-duty bar to crash their way in.

He added that the burglars must have used a truck to make off with their haul.

Thieves who took a \$300 television tube carrier and tools out of his truck last week may be the ones who looted his store, he said.

## Two Young Tots Saved By Parents

A Torrance couple were hospitalized with severe burns and cuts early Monday after they had carried their children from a burning home.

Admitted to Harbor General Hospital were Peter and Violet Cooper who had carried their daughters, Sabrina, 18 months, and Cindy, 6 weeks, from their home at 823 Amapola Ave. before dawn on Monday.

Sounds of flames and the smell of smoke awakened the pair, firemen said. They apparently grabbed little Cindy, who was in a bassinet in their room, broke out the bedroom window, and re-entered the house to bring out Sabrina, who was sleeping in another room.

## West High Plans Get First OK

Preliminary plans for West High School, which will be Torrance's fourth high school when it opens in September, 1962, were approved Tuesday by the Board of Education.

Plans presented by Roy Donley, architect, were accepted and he was ordered to draw up the final working drawings. The first increment will include construction of a library building, classroom buildings, industrial arts facilities, kitchens, and shower and locker facilities. The library will house administration facilities until the plant is complete.

The school will house children from rapidly-growing west Torrance. It is located in an area bounded by Spencer, Victor, Henrietta, and Del Amo Blvd.

### Opens Tonight

## Firemen Plan YMCA March

Starting tonight, the first of 27,896 Torrance homes will receive an off-duty visit by Torrance firefighters. More than 80 local firemen are devoting their free evenings to bettering the cause of youth of Torrance.

These volunteers will be contacting each family in Torrance in hopes that all citizens will invest in youth through a contribution to the Torrance YMCA.

Co-chairmen Richard De Armit and Sam Martin report that the firefighters have mapped out the entire community, and their goal is to give each family an opportunity to share in support for the local "Y".

Firemen will leave information and self-addressed envelopes at homes where people are away so that contributions can be mailed in also.

DE ARMIT stated that the YMCA was selected because it serves both boys and girls in a wide age span, and because all funds are used with Torrance youngsters. He said that in past years, the burden of support for the YMCA has been carried by less than 1000 firms and families.

As the youth population grows, the YMCA needs have grown, and it is no longer possible to operate the "Y" without broad community support. To keep YMCA camps, clubs, athletic leagues, leadership training and personal counseling services going for 1960,

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OPENING CAMPAIGN . . . Fire Engineer Sam Martin and YMCA poster boy Gary Sprankling visit the first of 27,896 Torrance homes to seek a YMCA contribution from Mrs. Stanley Sellers. The Torrance Fire-fighters will devote off-duty hours to providing funds for the Torrance YMCA from today through March 23.

## Cecil R. King Seeking 10th Term in Congress

Congressman Cecil R. King, who was first elected to the House of Representatives on a strong "pro-Roosevelt" campaign in 1942, this week filed nomination papers seeking reelection to a 10th term in Washington.

King was first elected at a special election in 1942 to fill the unexpired term of Congressman Lee E. Geyer who died in office. He was elected for the full term at the same election, and has been re-elected since that time, winning two years ago by a margin of more than 100,000 votes.

The congressman, who lives in Inglewood, represents the 17th Congressional District comprising all of Torrance, the South Bay, San Pedro, the Peninsula, Centinela Valley, and parts of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Compton. It is one of the largest Congressional Districts in the state.

PRIOR TO HIS first election to Congress, King spent 10 years as a State Assemblyman, and was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

The 60-year-old congressman now holds important seniority status in Congress where he is the third ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and is dean of the Los Angeles County Congressional delegation.

An avowed supporter of the

Social Security system, King devotes much time to study and

## Rites Held For Pioneer 'Pop' Dalton

Funeral services were held in Palm Springs Tuesday for Frank "Pop" Dalton, 67, pioneer Torrance industrialist and philanthropist.

Mr. Dalton, owner of D&M Machine Co. at 2304 Abalone Ave., died Saturday in Palm Springs. He had been in failing health.

The pioneer industrialist came to Lomita after World War I from Vancouver, B.C., and opened his plant to Torrance in 1926. Prior to that time, he had been employed by the Union Tool Co., now the National Supply Co.

He was a member of the San Pedro Elks Lodge and spent considerable time to the organization's cerebral palsy work, including the construction of various devices to aid victims of the disease.

He is survived by his widow, Alice, of Palm Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Bette Kaymeyer of Compton; a son, Edward of Torrance; and eight grandchildren.

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writing of legislation for its liberalization, he says. He also is a leader in the fight in Congress to maintain a strong military defense.

IT HAS BEEN through his efforts in recent years that shipbuilding contracts have been awarded to Southern California shipyards, he says, accounting for hundreds of new jobs in this area. He also has long championed the cause of the tuna canners and fishermen in securing higher import tariffs.

In a statement released at the time he filed nomination papers for the June 7 primary election, King said:

"IT HAS BEEN a privilege for the past 18 years to have served in Congress the District which is now one of the largest in California with over three-quarters of a million population.

"Since taking my first oath of office I have always been mindful of the fact that I was the servant of the people, and have always conducted myself accordingly, casting my vote in accordance with what I earnestly felt was to the best interests of all of the people of our district and the nation.

"I HAVE conscientiously endeavored to serve as a representative of the people.

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